



7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

At Iceni Academy, we pride ourselves on the broad and balanced curriculum we offer to our students. As your child approaches Year 10, it is time for them to begin to influence their educational pathway by selecting their GCSE options subjects. They will study these subjects in Years 10 and 11, sitting their exams in Summer 2022.

All students will follow our core offer:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Combined Science (worth two GCSEs)
- GCSE Citizenship
- PE (non-examined)

In addition to this, your child is able to select four option subjects that they would like to continue to study to GCSE level. These are arranged into three blocks:

| <b>Block A (choose one)</b> | <b>Block B (choose one)</b>  | <b>Block C (choose two)</b>   |  |
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| History<br>Geography        | French<br>German<br>Build Up | Art and Design<br>Business Studies<br>Computer Science<br>Design Technology<br>Drama<br>Food Prep. & Nutrition<br>French<br>Geography<br>German | History<br>ICT<br>Mandarin<br>Media Studies<br>Music<br>GCSE PE<br>Religious Studies<br>Statistics<br>Triple Science |

In Block C, your child will be asked to select five subjects they would be happy to study and we endeavour to give students two of their selected subjects. Some of these subjects may not run depending on uptake from the students, so it is important that your child is happy with all the selections they make.

We appreciate that this is both an exciting and slightly daunting prospect for many students, and so students have recently attended a week of options assemblies where they have heard more about the process and the subjects that are on offer to them. I also enclose here a copy of the options booklet, detailing more information about the subjects your child could go on to study with information for both Year 9 students and their parents/ carers.

Year 9 Parents' Evening is taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, and we encourage you to use this opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about the various courses their faculties offer. Ms Roche, Head of Year 9, and I are also very happy to speak with you on the phone or via email if you have specific questions relating to your child's options.

We have set up an online web form where all students will select their option subjects. We ask that this is please completed no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Students can complete this form at home or in the Academy.

If, having read the options booklet, you have any questions or would like any further help in supporting your child through the option process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Personalised Learning Tutor, Ms Roche or me and we will be more than happy to help.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Staniforth." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Miss A Staniforth  
Assistant Principal